

Washington State Board of Optometry
Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, June 9, 2006 by Jeffrey Sutro, O.D., Chair. The meeting was held at the Ramada Inn, Spokane International Airport, 8909 Airport Drive, Spokane Washington.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jeffrey Sutro, O.D.
Thomas Riley, O.D.,
Laura Toepfer, O.D.
Lund Chin, O.D.
Mariann Tonder, O.D.
Mary Lou Staples, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Saxe, Executive Director
Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General by Telephone
Kristi Weeks, Staff Attorney
Judy Haenke, Program Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: R. Richard Ryan, O.D., Optometric Physicians of Washington

ORDER OF AGENDA

OPEN SESSION:

1. Call to Order 9:30 a.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as written with the following change.
Item 7 was moved to closed session.

1.2 Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2006, meeting.

The minutes of the March 17, 2006, meeting were approved as written.

2. Reports Information. 9:45 a.m.

2.1 Board Chair Report - Jeffrey Sutro, O.D.

Dr. Sutro informed the Board that Executive Director to the Board, Steven Saxe has accepted a position with Facilities and Licensing within the Department of Health. This move will be effective July 10, 2006. The Department is actively recruiting to fill the position.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Public Member position on the Board. Mary Lou Staples's term expires on September 19, 2006. She is seeking reappointment to the Board for a second term.

2.2 Report on Board/Commission Leadership Meeting – Lund Chin, O.D.

Dr. Chin reported that a Leadership Forum was held on April 26, 2006, in Renton. Two task force groups were formed as a result of that meeting. One group will review the Uniform Disciplinary Act, focusing on unprofessional conduct, and the other group will explore a collaborative approach to investigation of complaints that cross multiple professions.

There will be a Board/Commission leadership meeting on September 28, 2006, and full Board/Commission/Committee members meeting on September 29, 2006.

Mary Lou Staples will be participating in the Work Group focusing on investigation of complaints that cross multiple professions.

2.3. Executive Director Report – Steven Saxe, Executive Director

Steve Saxe reported that the Department is participating in the development of draft guidelines for opioid dosing for chronic non-cancer pain. More information will be available as these guidelines are developed.

As part of an ongoing effort to improve patient safety, 2SHB2292 was passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed by Governor Gregoire on March 6, 2006. This legislation amends the pharmacy practice act by requiring all prescriptions to be either hand printed, typewritten, or electronically generated. Effective June 7, 2006, all prescriptions issued using cursive writing will no longer meet the definition of a legible prescription. A notice will be sent to all practitioners with prescriptive authority.

Governor Gregoire has requested an audit of the Department of Health and the sixteen independent boards and commissions to evaluate the professional licensing oversight and disciplinary system and suggest internal changes that would support a more effective disciplinary practice.

2.4. Program Manager Report – Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Ms. Haenke provided a breakdown of licenses issued and the numbers of licensees who have become certified for oral and epinephrine since March 2006.

DISCUSSION 10:15 a.m.

3. Implementation of SSB 5535.

The Board reviewed and approved draft documents in preparation for expedited rules development to implement SSB5535, the uniform licensing bill. Staff will prepare and file documents in preparation for a September 15, 2006, rules hearing.

4. Optometry Jurisprudence Questionnaire.

The Board reviewed updates to the current jurisprudence licensing examination. The Board identified needed corrections and requested additions to the draft format. A revised exam will be prepared for review at the September 15, 2006, meeting.

5. Acceptance of the Advanced Competence in Medical Optometry. Action.

The Board considered a request to accept passage of the National Board of Examiners, Advanced Competence in Medical Optometry examination as an equivalent credential to obtain the highest level of licensure.

Following discussion, the Board determined that when an applicant from a Veteran Administration Residency Program requests oral certification, the residency program will be reviewed to verify that the program meets the oral certification requirements. Applicants would then be required to successfully complete the Washington AOT didactic written examination.

6. Oregon Optometric Physicians Association Injection Workshop. Action.

The Board reviewed the Oregon State Optometric Physicians Association's seven hour Ocular Injections Course. The Association is requesting approval of its seven- hour Ocular Injections Workshop as meeting the requirement for the Washington Epinephrine Injection course.

Follow review of the course the Board agreed to accept the Oregon Injection Lab as meeting the Washington course requirement for injection of epinephrine for anaphylactic shock. The Board approval begins with the class first administered on October 17, 2006.

7. Advanced Ocular Therapy Trainers

Moved to closed session.

LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

8. Continuing Education.

8.1 Continuing Education approved June 9, 2006

Mariann Tonder, O.D. presented the following courses to the Board for approval.

Richard London, OD, VISN 20 Optometry Grand Round. Approved for 1 hour. Functional Vision Loss. Presented March 14, 2006.

Montana Optometric Association, 2006 MOA Big Sky Conference. Presented in Billings, Montana, May 17-20, 2006. Approved for 18 hours.

Portland Veterans Medical Center: VISN 20 Optometry Grand Round Presentation. Portland OR, Presented by Jane Weissman, MD, Neuro-radiologist at Oregon Health and Science University. Presented April 11, 2006. Approved for 1 hour.

Denise Cesta, Lomas Eye Care Center. Optimizing Outcomes With Dry Eye Therapies. Presented May 11, 2006, Renton WA. Approved for 1 hour.

Brent Bence, OD, Northwest Eye Surgeons. Vitreo-Retinal Disease Update. Presented April 25, 2006. Approved for 1.5 hours.

Thomas J. Riley, OD. Article in Review of Optometry, March issue. Approved for 3 hours.

Erick Hartman, OD. Vision Screening for the Special Population. Presented June 2, 2006. Approved for 1 hour.

Northwest Eye Surgeons. New Technologies in IOL's and Refractive Surgery. Presented June 14, 2006. Approved for 1 hour.

Stephan C. Miller, OD. College of Optometrists in Vision Development. 2006 Applied Concepts in Vision Therapy Education Program. Presented October 25 & 25, 2006. Approved for 56 hours.

Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute, Effective Communication with Sub-specialists and Primary Care Physicians. Approved for 2 hours and presented March 7, 2006.

Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute, Internal Medicine Update. Approved for 2 hours and presented February 7, 2006.

Spokane Eye Clinic, 2006 Spring Ophthalmology Update. Presented March 4, 2006. Approved for 4 hours

Steve D. Shaffer, OD, Dupont Family Vision Clinic. Madigan Army Medical Center Lectures, preparation only. Approved for 10 hours.

University of Missouri, College of Optometry. Ophthalmic Education Institute, Las Vegas 2006. Approved for 16 hours.

Kenneth C. Dahlin, OD, Management and Business Academy. Presented March 21-22, 2006. Approved for 10 hours.

Doug A. Harshman, OD, A Descriptive and Picture Tutorial on the Relationship of Systemic and Ocular Disease, preparation only. Approved for 10 hours.

Kaiser-Permanente Northwest Division, Thomas Gibbs, OD. Educational Seminar Glaucoma, Cataracts and Retina. Presented February 25, 2005. Approved for 2 hours.

Kaiser-Permanente, Northwest Ocular Pathology Winter Conference. Presented January 31, 2006. Approved for 3 hours.

Paul S. Jensen, OD, lecture to King County Optometric Society, presented October, 2005. Approved for 3 hours.

Mira Swiecicki, OD, Lynden Vision Clinic. Medical Ethics in Optometry, presented September 19, 2005. Approved for 3 hours.

8.2 Designation of Reviewer for next Quarter.

9. Post Graduate Education Seminar.

9.1 The Board reviewed evaluations and comments from participants at the March 2006 Seminar. Based on the comments and recommendations, the Board determined that the 2007 Seminar schedule will be changed to Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with one hour for lunch and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with no lunch, for a total of thirteen hours for the two days.

9.2 Selection of a Chair for the 2007 seminar.

Dr. Lund Chin was chosen to Chair the Seminar Program for March 17-18, 2007.

10. Budget Report. Information.

The Board reviewed revenue and expenditures for the period ending April 30, 2006.

2:30 p.m. CLOSED SESSION:

13. Presentation of Stipulations to Informal Disposition

None to present.

14. Disciplinary Case Review

15. Review of License Applications

The Board approved two license applications.

16. Other closed session business

None

17. Adjournment

Respectively Submitted:

Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Approved:

Jeffrey Sutro, O.D., Chair

APPROVAL ON FILE